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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 17, 1999

APPLICATION OF

GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED

CASE NO. PUC990213

To implement extended local
service from its Lorton and
Lorton Metro exchanges to
its Arcola exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On November 17, 1999, GTE South Incorporated ("GTE" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. GTE proposes to notify its Lorton and Lorton Metro customers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Arcola exchange. The application states that telephone customers in GTE's Arcola exchange had earlier petitioned the Commission for local calling to the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges. Using a cost study prepared by GTE, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates that would result from the expansion of the Arcola local service area to include Lorton and Lorton Metro. Customers in the Arcola exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher

rates for local calling to Lorton and Lorton Metro. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for extended local service from Lorton and Lorton Metro to the Arcola exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Lorton and Lorton Metro customers, a poll is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered GTE's application, GTE's proposed public notice, and the applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that GTE should give notice of this application to its customers in the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges; and those customers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on the application. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC990213.

(2) On or before March 3, 2000, GTE customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies

of any comment or request for hearing on or before the deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments or requests for hearing shall be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case No. PUC990213.

(3) A copy of this Order and the application shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Upon customer request, a copy of GTE's application also shall be furnished by GTE's local manager for the Manassas service area, Danny Glascock, at (703) 754-9301.

(4) On or before January 31, 2000, GTE shall publish the following notice in the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in those exchanges.

NOTICE THAT GTE SOUTH INCORPORATED
PROPOSES TO EXTEND THE LOCAL SERVICE AREA OF
THE LORTON AND LORTON METRO EXCHANGES TO
INCLUDE THE ARCOLA EXCHANGE
CASE NO. PUC990213

Telephone customers in GTE South Incorporated's ("GTE South") Arcola exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission for local calling to GTE South's Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges.

In conjunction with a cost study conducted by GTE South, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates for service which would result from the extension of the local service area. Between May 19, 1999, and June 22, 1999, the customers in the Arcola exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay the increase for local calling to the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges. The survey passed.

The Commission required GTE South to conduct a similar cost study to allow the Commission to determine the monthly rates for extended local service for Lorton and Lorton Metro exchange customers to the Arcola exchange. Since the resulting rate increase does not exceed five percent of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate for Lorton and Lorton Metro customers, a poll is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

The Commission has required GTE South to provide public notice of the proposed change. For extended local service to Arcola, Virginia (telephone numbers beginning with 327, 348, 542) from the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges (telephone numbers beginning with 436, 446, 493, 495, 551, 643, 646, 647, 649, 690), monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$0.15; residential Lifeline service, \$0.15; residential measured exchange only service, \$0.14; residential measured economy service, \$0.08; flat rate business service, \$0.33; business key line service, \$0.33; business flat rate trunk service, \$0.67; and business measured service: single line service, \$0.21; key line service, \$0.21; trunk service, \$0.47; and customer owned coin, \$0.33.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact Danny

Glascock, GTE South's local manager for the Manassas service area, at (703) 754-9301.

Copies of GTE South's application may be obtained by contacting GTE South's local manager at the telephone number listed above, or it may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, with the Clerk of the Commission, Joel H. Peck, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before March 3, 2000. All such filings must refer to Case No. PUC990213.

The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges request a hearing; otherwise, the Commission may consider the application without convening a hearing.

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(5) On or before March 3, 2000, GTE shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) The Commission shall convene a hearing on the proposed extension of the local calling area if at least the lesser of five (5) percent or 150 of the customers within the Lorton and Lorton Metro exchanges request a hearing; otherwise, the

Commission may consider GTE's application without convening a hearing.

(7) On or before March 17, 2000, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on the comments received.